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1. The main supply line between the USSR and Pyongyang, the main-line railway between Chongjin and Wonsan, is extremely vulnerable to air or naval bombardment in the area south of Songjin. (Grid Reference 10/1200-2010, 10/1190-2010, and 10/1190-2000).\* This portion of the rail line contains several tunnels not shown on maps. Destruction of any one of these tunnels will cut all rail transport from the USSR to the North Korean forces south of Songjin except for a circuitous detour thru Manchuria.
2. The only highway detour around the above-mentioned tunnels is an auto road from Songjin to Tanchon. This road is not usable for armor. Soviet troops were unable to traverse this road with T-34 tanks in August 1945 and there has been no known reconstruction of the road since that date. A 2½-ton GMC truck can traverse the road with great difficulty.
3. The tunnel in the area of Grid Reference 13/970-1850, if destroyed, will cut all east-west rail traffic in North Korea.

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The map reference is to AMS L551, 1 - 250,000.

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